

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

Licking County could apply to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (ODSA/OCD) for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Allocation Program, a federally funded program administered by the State. The County is eligible to apply for any of three (3) competitive programs that address critical infrastructure needs, neighborhood revitalization and downtown revitalization with grants ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000. Licking County could also be eligible to apply for Economic Development loans up to \$500,000, Economic Development Public Infrastructure grants up to \$500,000 and Residential Public Infrastructure grants up to \$750,000. This funding must be spent outside the city limits of Newark. Licking County is eligible to apply for \$470,000 in CDBG allocation funds.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. via zoom (check website www.lickingcounty.gov/depts/planning/development or contact the staff at 740-670-5200 to receive a zoom invitation) to provide citizens with information about the CDBG programs including descriptions of the eligible activities and program requirements.

The CDBG program can fund a broad range of activities including economic development projects; street, water supply, drainage, and sanitary sewer improvements; park improvements; demolition of unsafe structures; home repairs; and neighborhood facilities and fair housing. The activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-and moderate-income persons and/or aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight.

A second public hearing to discuss CDBG projects selected for funding will be scheduled for late May or early June.

Immediately following the public hearing at 2:30 p.m., the FY21 CDBG Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) meeting will take place for eligible communities to share project needs and identify and prioritize potential funding opportunities.